

What Is Claimed Is:

1. An information processing apparatus capable of copying image information recorded on a first recording medium onto a second recording medium, comprising:

display control means for controlling displaying of a copying operation window which includes an icon corresponding to the first recording medium, an image information icon or icons corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium and an icon corresponding to the second recording medium;

moving means for selecting and moving one of the image information icons on the copying operation window;

first setting means for setting whether or not a data format of the image information determined as an object of copying should be converted;

readout means for reading out the image information corresponding to the image information icon selected by said moving means from the first recording medium;

conversion means for converting the data format of the image information read out by said readout means in response to a result of the setting of said first setting means; and

writing means for writing the image information read out by said readout means or the image information

converted by said conversion means onto the second recording medium in response to the result of the setting of said first setting means.

2. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the first recording medium is built in said information processing apparatus, and the second recording medium is an external storage medium which can be removably connected to said information processing apparatus.

3. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said conversion means converts the data format of the image information from that of the MPEG 2 system to that of the MPEG 1 system.

4. An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising second setting means for setting whether or not the image information of an original determined as the object of copying should be deleted, and deletion means operable in response to a result of the setting of said second setting means for either deleting or placing into a disabled state the image information of the original of the object of copying recorded on the first recording medium after the processing of said writing means is completed.

5. An information processing method for an

information processing apparatus which is capable of copying image information recorded on a first recording medium onto a second recording medium, comprising:

    a display control step of controlling displaying of a copying operation window which includes an icon corresponding to the first recording medium, an image information icon or icons corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium and an icon corresponding to the second recording medium;

    a moving step of selecting and moving one of the image information icons on the copying operation window;

    a setting step of setting whether or not a data format of the image information determined as an object of copying should be converted;

    a readout step of reading out the image information corresponding to the image information icon selected by the processing of the moving step from the first recording medium;

    a conversion step of converting the data format of the image information read out by the processing of the readout step in response to a result of the setting by the processing of the setting step; and

    a writing step of writing the image information read out by the processing of the readout step or the

image information converted by the processing of the conversion step onto the second recording medium in response to the result of the setting by the processing of the setting step.

6. A program storage medium on which a computer-readable program for controlling copying of image information recorded on a first recording medium onto a second recording medium is recorded, the program comprising:

a display control step of controlling displaying of a copying operation window which includes an icon corresponding to the first recording medium, an image information icon or icons corresponding to the image information recorded on the first recording medium and an icon corresponding to the second recording medium;

a moving step of selecting and moving one of the image information icons on the copying operation window;

a setting step of setting whether or not a data format of the image information determined as an object of copying should be converted;

a readout step of reading out the image information corresponding to the image information icon selected by the processing of the moving step from the first recording medium;

a conversion step of converting the data format of the image information read out by the processing of the readout step in response to a result of the setting by the processing of the setting step; and

a writing step of writing the image information read out by the processing of the readout step or the image information converted by the processing of the conversion step onto the second recording medium in response to the result of the setting by the processing of the setting step.